

# Sharpen Your Senses

## Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson may be associated with seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, or smelling.

**acrid** (AK rid) ADJ. sharp or bitter in taste or odor; irritating (*The acrid smoke seared our lungs.*)

**aromatic** (AR uh MAT ik) ADJ. fragrant (*The forest floor was covered with aromatic pine needles.*)

**bland** (bland) ADJ. mild; soothing; not irritating (*Bland foods are best when you have an ulcer.*)

**blare** (blair) N. noisy, loud sound (*The blare of trumpets awakened us.*)

**bleat** (bleet) V. to make the noise of a sheep or goat (*During the night, we were startled to hear a sheep bleat outside our window.*)

**din** (din) N. continuous mixture of loud and discordant noises (*The screaming children made an incredible din.*)

**drone** (drohn) V. to make a dull, humming sound or to speak monotonously (*The speaker continued to drone on and on, even though we began to fidget in our chairs.*)

**musky** (MUHS kee) ADJ. a hearty, penetrating odor like that obtained from musk deer (*That perfume is my favorite because of its musky scent.*)

**musty** (MUHS tee) ADJ. smelling damp and decayed (*Some rooms that are closed up develop a musty odor.*)

**odorous** (OH dur uhs) ADJ. having a strong, distinctive, usually unpleasant odor (*The odorous feedlot, which contained thousands of heads of cattle, could be smelled for miles.*)

**olfactory** (ahl FAK tuh ree) ADJ. pertaining to the sense of smell (*My olfactory nerve is damaged, so I cannot smell anything.*)

**palatable** (PAL uh tuh buhl) ADJ. having an agreeable taste; acceptable to be eaten (*My father can cook extremely palatable pot roast.*)

**pungent** (PUHN juhnt) ADJ. sharp and keen smelling or tasting (*The pungent aroma of gasoline was apparent as I filled my car.*)

**radiate** (RAY dee AYt) V. to send out in rays (*The light and heat from the sun radiate across the ninety-three million miles to Earth.*)

**rancid** (RAN sid) ADJ. having a sour, rank, or stale smell or taste (*The odor of the rancid butter made us lose our appetites.*)

**redolent** (RED uhl uhnt) ADJ. giving off a fragrance; scented (*The air is redolent with lilacs during the early spring.*)

**reek** (reek) V. to give off a strong or offensive smell (*If you do not do something with those tennis shoes, your whole room will reek.*)

**resonant** (REZ uh nuhnt) ADJ. able to produce or exhibit an intense, rich sound (*The radio announcer has a deep resonant voice.*)

**tactile** (TAK tuhl) ADJ. relating to the sense of touch (*Babies need holding and tactile stimulation in order to thrive.*)

**tart** (tahrt) ADJ. having a sharp or acid taste (*I love the tart taste of lemon pie.*)